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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND: SWEDEN

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1. HAVING LAST WEEK DELIVERED COPIES, I TODAY DELIVERED  
THE ORIGINAL KISSINGER-CROSLAND LETTER OUTLINING THE ZIMBABWE  
DEVELOPMENT FUND PROPOSAL TO MFA SECRETARY GENERAL SVERKER ASTROM,  
USING THE OCCASION TO REQUEST AN UPDATE OF GOS CONSIDERATION OF  
THE PLAN. I INDICATED THAT WE WOULD FIND IT MOST  
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HELPFUL IF WE AND THE BRITISH COULD RECEIVE AT LEAST  
AN INKLING BY JANUARY 15 OF WHAT SWEDEN'S FINAL POSITION  
ON THE PROPOSAL MIGHT BE.

2. IN REPLY, ASTROM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:  
(A) GOS IS CURRENTLY STUDYING THE PLAN VERY

CAREFULLY AND WILL "IN DUE TIME" RESPOND OFFICIALLY "AND IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY;"

(B) THE PROGRESS OF THE RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS IN GENERA ARE LIKELY TO HAVE A HEAVY INFLUENCE ON THE FINAL COS DECISION. ALL DECISION-MAKING RELATED TO SWEDISH DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS TAKES INTO ACCOUNT VERY DEFINITELY THE ATTITUDE AND RECEPTIVITY OF THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS. SINCE GOS REALLY NOT CERTAIN YET TO WHICH SPECIFIC PARTIES IN RHODESIA ITS AID WOULD GO, ANY FINAL DECISION NOW WOULD DEFINITELY BE PREMATURE;

(C) GOS DOES APPRECIATE US-UK NEED FOR SOME SIGNAL, HOWEVER TENTATIVE, OF WHAT SWEDISH POSITION WILL BE AND EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE US WITH SOME PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS BY JANUARY 15;

(D) THERE IS NO NORDIC CONSENSUS ON THE PROPOSAL THUS FAR. FOREIGN MINISTER SODER WILL MAKE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO OSLO ON JANUARY 12 AND THE ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND PROPOSAL WILL DEFINITELY BE ON THE AGENDA THERE.

3. COMMENT: ASTROM'S PRESENTATION CONTAINED ABSOLUTELY NO SURPRISES. I CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT GOS REMAINS TORN BETWEEN ITS PAST AND PRESENT DIRECT BILATERAL ASSISTANCE APPROACH TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS AND SOME FORM OF SWEDISH CONTRIBUTION TO AN INTERNATIONAL EFFORT BY OTHER WESTERN INDUSTRIALIZED AND ARAB COUNTRIES. GIVEN SWEDEN'S VERY CLOSE CONTACTS WITH ALL FOUR RHODESIAN AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS (GOS HAS HELPED EXTENSIVELY TO FINANCE EXPENSES IN GENEVA OF THE FOUR AFRICAN DELEGATIONS), IT CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ASSUMED THAT SWEDES ARE NOW DISCUSSING CONCEPT OF ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND DIRECTLY WITH THESE GROUPS. SWEDEN'S FINAL POSITION ON FUND WILL, I AM CERTAIN, BE INFLUENCED SUBSTANTIALLY BY THE AFRICANS' OWN REACTION.

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